

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors National Center for Health Statistics

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors National Center for Health Statistics

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

10712

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

01/19/2017

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/19/2019

## 7. Expected Term Date

01/19/2021

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. section 217a

## 13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Discuss topics related to 1) Update by NCHS Leadership 2) Update of Legislation Relating to the Evidenced Based Policy Commission 3) Update on National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys Reports and Activities 4) Update on Vital Statistics Activities 5) Update on International Activities of NCHS	01/11/2018	01/12/2018
Discuss topics related to 1) Update from Center Director 2) Update on Selected NCHS OPIOID Related Projects 3) Update on Health, United States 2017 and Beyond 3) Update on Visualizing the National Health Interview Survey Early Release Program: A New Online Dynamic Report 4) Update on National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2023: The Future is Now	06/19/2018	06/20/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$11,250.00	\$24,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$24,190.00	\$122,558.00

<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$18,010.00	\$38,620.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$12,065.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$106,669.00	\$161,630.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$160,119.00	\$366,373.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.45	0.65

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Board accomplishes its purpose through three face-to-face meetings per year. The full Board meetings include updates regarding NCHS activities since the previous meeting. Additionally, the board provides discussion on and guidance to the program divisions on issues with which NCHS programs are facing such as improving response rates for its surveys, securing data within the Research Data Center, addressing data needs for relevant health issues (such as the opioid epidemic), changing methods of data collection (EHR Data Collections) for the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) and the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS); and the future of the statutorily mandated report, Health US.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership (fifteen persons) for the Board is balanced in several ways: disciplines, geography, gender, racial/ethnic background.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Board meets three times a year. In FY18 the Board met twice because of scheduling conflicts, and the meeting in September 2018 was postponed to December 2018 (FY19). Members received overviews from the Director of NCHS about the current programs, data releases, and initiatives of NCHS. The meetings addressed current issues facing NCHS and the Board raised questions and offered guidance on how to best address these issues.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Scientific advice from this Board contributes significantly to program planning and conduct of NCHS research programs and activities; further, it will assure that they respond to legislative mandates and meet the needs of the Department, the Center's numerous constituents, and other Federal collaborators. Continuing external advice on the overall direction of NCHS and on the scope and content of its data gathering and dissemination

activities will assist in implementing a more integrated and effective health data system. Acquiring this advice on a case-by-case basis is time-consuming and arduous and limits opportunities for advisors to comment systematically on the full array of NCHS activities and means to create or maintain linkages when necessary. NCHS staff, because they are so intimately involved in the day-to-day activities associated with survey methodology and data gathering, cannot provide necessary unbiased advice, nor can they fairly represent the needs of stakeholders and collaborators.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

## **21. Remarks**

No formal reports are required in the charter; the committee provides advice and recommendations through various means other than formal reports. 1)Beebe, Johantgen and Glied, were omitted from the 2017 report in error. 2) Wendy Baldwin (term 7/18/13-11/27/2017) and Mark Flowtow (term 7/23/13-11/27/17) were both added to the roster in the 2018 report to reflect the extension of their membership into FY18.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Sayeedha Uddin National Center for Health Statistics, DFO BSC

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Baldwin, Wendy	07/18/2013	11/27/2017	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Beebe, Timothy	01/21/2016	05/31/2019	Mayo Professor and Head, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dullabh, Prashila	01/10/2017	05/31/2020	Senior Advisor NORC at the University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flowtow, Mark	07/23/2013	11/27/2017	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gaskin, Darrell	12/22/2016	05/31/2020	Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Glied, Sherry	01/20/2016	05/31/2019	Dean, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hauser, Robert	06/01/2017	05/31/2021	Executive Officer, American Philosophical Society, Vilas Research Professor Emeritus UW-Madison	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hayward, Mark	01/06/2017	05/31/2020	Professor of Sociology, Centennial Commission Professor in the Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johantgen, Mary Ellen	01/26/2016	05/31/2019	Assistant Dean for the Ph.D. Program and Association Professor, University of Maryland School of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lesser, Virginia	10/30/2014	05/31/2018	Chair and Director, Survey Research Center, Department of Statistics, Oregon State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manning, Wendy	10/25/2014	05/31/2018	Professor and Director, Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McKeown, Robert	12/07/2014	05/31/2018	Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Phillips, Robert	09/14/2016	06/01/2019	Vice President for Research and Policy American Board of Family Medicine	Representative Member
Ponce, Ninez	01/10/2017	05/31/2020	Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Director, Center for Global & Immigrant Health Associate, Director, Center for Health Policy Research, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health Principal Investigator, California Health Interview Survey	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ragunathan, Trivellore	12/03/2014	05/31/2018	Director, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Santos, Robert	12/20/2016	05/31/2020	Chief Methodologist, Statistical Methods Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schwab, Margo	05/04/2009	05/31/2020	Program Analyst, Office of Management and Budget	Ex Officio Member
Scott, Linette	12/26/2016	05/31/2019	Chief Medical Information Officer, California Department of Health Care Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Van Wye, Gretchen	06/01/2017	05/31/2021	Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Epidemiology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 19**

## Narrative Description

The BSC provides advice and recommendations regarding scientific and technical program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities. It advises and provides guidance on

statistical and epidemiological research and activities on a full range of issues such as determinants of health, mortality and natality, health status, and trends in prices, costs, and sources of payments. The BSC keeps abreast of emerging approaches to monitoring key public health, health policy, and other policy changes and encourages NCHS to take advantage of opportunities to improve or augment its practices and procedures. The BSC reviews the NCHS research agenda, advises on development of research initiatives (both intramural and extramural), and provides second-level policy review for extramural research projects.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

29

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

There were some new recommendations that were made this year. 1)Develop workgroup to engage with end users for input on data needs for opioid research. 2) Demonstrate value of NHCS to hospital stakeholders 3) Determine audience for Health, US and consider other formats for data presentation. 4) Consider public outreach to improve survey response rates

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

69%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

1) A workgroup has been formed to engage with researchers on data needs related to opioid research.2) DHCS preparing process for hospitals to compare their outcomes against benchmarks3) NHANES is updating its logo and considering other methods to engage the public to improve response rates.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

38%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Progress is underway on recommendations. Health, US is undergoing redesign during FY19 and will release abbreviated chartbook for Health, US 2018.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Report at future meetings

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

NA

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

BSC, NCHS currently is not a grant review committee

### **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Access Comments**

N/A